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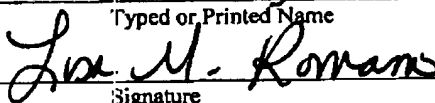
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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	-	* =	X \$ 50	= \$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	-	** =	X \$ 200	= \$ 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM		+	\$ 360	= \$

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TOTAL

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Respectfully submitted,


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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the October 23, 2006 Office Action setting forth an election/restriction requirement in the above-identified application. The deadline for responding to the Office Action is, up to and including, November 23, 2006. Accordingly, this Reply is timely filed.

Remarks begin at page 2 of this Reply.